

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A drive shaft (10) for a windshield wiper, ~~comprising to which shaft~~ a crank (12) is fastened to the drive shaft and wherein the drive shaft has a cylindrical screw thread on a free end in a region of a fastening part, characterized in that wherein the drive shaft includes a base body (14) of the drive shaft (10) is made from an extruded light metal profile and via connection part (16, 22) made from a harder material, wherein said connection part is fixedly connected with the free end of the base body and includes said screw thread on its free end of the drive shaft, in the region of a fastening part, carries a connection part (16, 22) of a harder metal, which has a screw thread (18).

2. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the connection part (16, 22) is made of steel, bronze or copper.

3. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the connection part (16) has a conical seat (20) with fluting for the fastening part.

4. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the connection part (22) has a polygonal slaving profile (24).

5. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, characterized in that wherein the base body (14) has a conical protrusion (26), onto which wherein the connection part (16) is placed onto the conical protrusion and with which wherein the connection part is joined by adhesive bonding, welding, press-fitting or assembly casting to the conical protrusion.

6. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 5, characterized in that wherein the connection part (16, 22) is cast with the base body (14) via an adapter piece (28).

7. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 5 6, characterized in that wherein the connection part (16, 22) is seated on a longitudinally fluted conical protrusion (26) of the base body, or on a fluted cone (34) of the adapter piece (28).

8. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1, characterized in that it wherein the drive shaft has at least one longitudinal conduit (38, 40).

9. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 6,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connection part (16, 22) is embodied as a  
threaded sleeve, ~~through which~~ wherein the adapter piece (28) having at least  
one longitudinal conduit (40) is guided through the threaded sleeve.

10. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the base body (14) and the connection part (16, 22)  
or the crank (12) are chemically nickel-plated after being joined together.

11. (currently amended) The drive shaft (10) of claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein on the an end toward the crank, the base body (14)  
has a region with fluting (46) in the a longitudinal direction, ~~over which fluting~~  
wherein the crank (12), of a harder material, is cast to the base body (14) with a  
connecting layer (42) of zinc over the fluting ~~or the like~~.